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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"The Government have not received any complaints from the public. sometimes it is possible that affected parties may complain one way or the other but the Government have taken note of the need for legal learning in the prosecuting staff and the matter is under active consideration and very soon orders will issue in the matter."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—May I know how long has this system been in vogue?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"The present practice has been in vogue ever since it began up till now."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—"Was there any serious complaint about that till now?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"As I have already stated, it is not possible for any member of the public to make any complaints in such matters. It is for the Government to take note of the fact that a certain kind of equipment is necessary for a certain kind of job."

Excise staff thrown out of employment consequent on introduction of prohibition in Cuddapah and Chittoor.

* 119 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of men in service in Excise department who have been thrown out of employment on account of introduction of prohibition in Cuddapah and Chittoor districts;

(*b*) whether the Government have made any provision for recruiting them in other departments;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that some of these men have been asked to pay medical charges and admission fees if they should apply before the Public Service Commission for recruitment to Public Service; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that in the case of these persons thrown out of employment, the Public Service Commission insists upon age restriction on the footing of new entrants in the department?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"(*a*) A report has been called for.

"(*b*) Thirty-four directly recruited sub-inspectors of Excise in the Province have been selected for appointment as sub-inspectors of Police. The Government have amended the Madras Registration Subordinate Service to the effect that the age-rule should not apply to discharged sub-inspectors

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of Excise (who had been recruited direct) who may apply for selection as reserve sub-registrars. They have also decided to amend the Madras Ministerial Service Rules so as to make such discharged sub-inspectors of Excise eligible to apply for selection as Probationary Revenue Inspectors. Certain other proposals for the absorption in other departments of discharged officers and men of the Excise department are under the consideration of the Government.

"(*c*) No medical charges are levied but a certificate of physical fitness has to be produced if required by the Commission. An admission fee is payable in all cases where selection is made after due advertisement.

"(*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*b*) above. The question of relaxing the age-rule in regard to other appointments is engaging the attention of the Government."

Famine measures taken by Government in 1937–38 in Ceded districts.

* 120 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the different kinds of works undertaken during the famine period are in 1937–38 in each of the Ceded districts; and

(*b*) what the total amount spent is for famine measures by the Government on—

(i) the establishment charges; and

(ii) on the works undertaken?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) Road works and repairs to irrigation works were undertaken in the Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool districts.

"In the Bellary and Anantapur districts weavers were also relieved at their own crafts.

"(*b*) Exact details regarding the expenditure incurred on the relief operations are not yet available with the Government. They will be published in due course along with the final report on the famine operations. Approximately the expenditure incurred up to the end of November including that relating to weaving centres was—

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Establishment charges	2,38,900
Tools, shelter, etc.	1,75,000
Wages to workers and meals and allowances to dependants on gratuitous relief, provision of fodder, etc.	18,58,700"